



*City of Northampton
Community Preservation Committee
210 Main Street, City Hall
Northampton, MA 01060*

Community Preservation Committee

DATE: Wednesday, May 1, 2013

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street (BEHIND City Hall)

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Agenda

- General Public Comment
- Minutes
 - March 20, 2013
 - April 3, 2013
- Chair's Report
- Funding Round Debriefing
- Review and Approve Contracts and MOU for Funded Projects
 - City Hall Preservation
 - Access to Housing
- Sign Contract Extension for Look Park Recreation Design Project
- Other Business Not Foreseen When Agenda Was Published
- Adjourn

For additional information please refer to the Community Preservation Committee website:
<http://www.northamptonma.gov/cpc/>

Next Meeting: May 15, 2013

Community Preservation Committee Minutes May 1, 2013

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street

Members Present: Downey Meyer, Brian Adams, Debin Bruce, David Drake, Dave Rothstein
Staff Present: Sarah LaValley

Downey called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

General Public Comment

None

Minutes - March 20, 2013

Brian moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Debin, the motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Report

Downey reminded the CPC that he will be providing a follow-up letter to DPW regarding the unfunded Pulaski Park project, and asked Committee members to provide any suggestions by email.

Funding Round Debriefing

Brian expressed support for the CPC's decision not to feel obligated to fund all projects proposed and conserve funds for future rounds.

Dave noted that the Committee did not as a group go through the CPC evaluation criteria outlined in the CPC Plan, though members may have done so independently. Downey suggested that staff could develop a checklist.

Debin stated that she would not be opposed to a checklist, but would not want it to be used as a type of scorecard, since each project is unique, and projects that may not meet many criteria could still be very worthy of funding.

Dave stated that it seemed odd to put so much emphasis on the criteria, and then not discuss them during the evaluation process. The Committee should acknowledge the criteria met by each project, especially since some applicants do not address the criteria, and some claim in applications to meet criteria that may not be part of the project.

Downey noted that these observations are usually discussed in Q&A with applicants and subsequent Committee discussions. Staff could provide the criteria when applications are first distributed so that Committee members have them in mind early in the process.

Dave agreed this would be useful, and suggested the criteria be again distributed with ranking sheets prior to final allocation discussions.

Review and Approve Contracts and MOU for Funded Projects

City Hall Preservation

The Committee clarified a condition that the applicant must demonstrate compliance with the Secretary of the Interior standards. Dave moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Debin, the motion carried unanimously.

Access to Housing

David recalled that the application noted that ServiceNet would try to focus program efforts on homeless individuals with ties to Northampton, and moved to approve the contract as presented, with a condition that 'reasonable efforts shall be made to ensure that recipients have connections to Northampton. Seconded by Dave, the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business Not Foreseen When Agenda Was Published

David informed the Committee that the Lions Club approached the Historical Commission with an inquiry about the possibility of using CPA funds for restoration of a 1920's fire engine.

Debin stated that the City Council will discuss approval of a grant application for an extension to the Norwottuck trail to Williamsburg. That section of the trail includes the Beaver Brook Bridge that was funded for rehabilitation with CPC funds.

Adjourn

On a motion and second, with unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM